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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 27, 2001 ("Office Action"), Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Amendment in the above-referenced application (hereinafter "Application"). Please re-consider the Application in view of the following amendments and remarks which Applicant submits better define the invention and place the claims in condition for allowance. Applicant hereby requests a one month extension of time, making this reply due January 28, 2002.

AMENDMENTS

In the specification:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.121(b)(1)(i), please delete the paragraph appearing at page 34, lines 21-28, and replace it with the following paragraph: